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Invest in Your Fire-Rescue Stations








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**Rescue Your Fire-Rescue Stations On November 2nd
Vote On The Fire-Rescue Bond**

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Mayor's Message

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Benchmarking Performance

As Mayor I have the opportunity to belong to some interesting organizations that assist me with my duties. One of those organizations is the Urban Partnership which consists of the Mayors of the seven largest cities in Florida. Over the years we have taken positions on items like tougher sentences for violent criminals and for fighting State and Federal mandates. We have been successful in many of our endeavors.

But one of the most useful outcomes of my participation has been benchmarking performance among the big cities in Florida. One of the most exciting figures when comparing cities is the fact that Fort Lauderdale has the strongest Tax Base of any large city in Florida. Though we have less than half the population of Miami, our tax bases are about equal (\$20 billion). We just passed Tampa in taxable value and we are way ahead of Orlando and Saint Petersburg. But along with being number one in tax base, we are also the highest taxed city among big cities in Florida. The following chart on the top right shows property taxes levied per capita among the Urban Partnership cities.

Why are Fort Lauderdale property taxes so high? It is because we have become a high cost city. Approximately 75 percent of the funds spent in Fort Lauderdale are

used for employee compensation. When you average the salary and benefits of our 2500 employees, the average employee in our city makes more than \$80,000 per year.

How do our rates of pay compare to other cities? The second chart on the right shows how we compare with other cities for Police and Firefighters.

City	2000 Population Estimates	Total Taxes Levied	2003 Per Capita Total Taxes Levied
Fort Lauderdale	167,000	95,174,434	569.91
Miami	366,496	166,338,250	453.86
Orlando	194,913	74,507,570	382.26
Jacksonville	765,826	348,061,136	454.49
Tampa	311,880	119,401,358	382.84
Saint Petersburg	250,354	71,115,152	284.06
Hialeah	231,270	48,521,124	209.80

City	Total Compensation	Police Officers	Firefighter - Paramedic
Fort Lauderdale	Ongoing Wage and Salary Survey For Police Officers and Firefighters - 10 years - Top Cities ↔	\$ 97,990	\$ 100,952
Miami		\$ 86,210	\$ 111,651
Orlando		\$ 88,809	\$ 94,837
Jacksonville		\$ 61,303	\$ 59,841
Tampa		\$ 79,248	\$ 66,527
Saint Petersburg		\$ 86,243	\$ 105,543
Hialeah		\$ 72,618	\$ 83,844

I want to make clear that I appreciate the fine job that our employees are doing in serving the needs of our citizens. But can we continue to compensate at such a higher rate than other cities much larger than us? I think not. But what do you think? I would love to hear from you. Call me at (954) 828-5003 or email me at Mayorjames@aol.com.

City Manager's Message George Gretsas



Fire-Rescue Bond Addresses Community Need To Improve Fire-Rescue Stations

As your City Manager, I am committed to ensuring that the City of Fort Lauderdale remains a world-class City. My mission is to implement a cost-effective strategy that establishes accountability and continues to ensure an effective response to the needs of our citizenry.

A new reorganization plan will save the City in excess of \$200,000 annually. The Police and Fire-Rescue union contracts were ratified and approved by the Commission at its meeting on October 5. We can now move forward together to continue providing quality public safety with no salary increases during this fiscal year.

There are many areas that need to be addressed, but we must prioritize them based on need. One of the first issues I am committed to addressing is the Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum. The City Commission voted overwhelmingly to add the bond initiative to the November 2nd ballot. The bond will enable the Fire-Rescue department to replace nine fire-rescue stations and add one new station to the southeast section of the City.

The Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum is being proposed because the City's current stations are outdated and no longer support the Fire-Rescue services of today.

Our fire stations do not even meet current building code. They are too small. They do not provide adequate storage space and they do not support the diversity of the work force.

While there are many issues such as the need for separate sleeping and bathroom facilities, insufficient storage space for medical equipment, supplies and fire-rescue vehicles and substandard station security, a vital reason the bond referendum is needed is because our fire-rescue stations are not hurricane resistant.

We have had a very active hurricane season, with a state of emergency declared four times in a six-week period. The City's firefighters are the City's first responders following a major disaster. Their stations serve as the foundation for their operations and if they become inoperable, Fire-Rescue services could be interrupted. Getting to you may not be possible. I experienced this first-hand when I visited Charlotte County immediately following Hurricane Charley. There were more than a half a dozen fire stations that were heavily damaged or destroyed. Fire station roofs caved in or were blown off. Bay doors, which are one of the most vulnerable points of a sta-

tion, were blown in and rescue vehicles were trapped inside.

Without hurricane resistant bay doors, rescue vehicles can be damaged or blocked in and firefighters lose their means of providing emergency fire and rescue services to the communities they serve.

Fortunately, Florida has an organized mutual aid system that provides fire-rescue support from other departments. However, if the disaster spans multiple counties, resources will be sparse and immediate service may not be available.

Your firefighters serve more than 168,000 residents and spend approximately one-third of their careers, or 120 days a year, living in one of the City's 12 Fire-Rescue stations, stations that may not protect them when they, and the citizens need it most.

On November 2nd, you will have an opportunity to make a long-term investment in your Fire-Rescue Department by approving the Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum. You can make a difference in your community's future and help rescue those who rescue you.

Learn more about the Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum on Page 8 of this issue and make your vote count on November 2nd.

If you'd like more information about the Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum or would like to schedule a presentation, please call 954-828-4754 or log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov/bond.

City Enhances Ongoing Efforts To Decrease Flood Insurance Premiums For Residents

The City of Fort Lauderdale takes a pro-active role in maximizing flood prevention, advocating preparedness, encouraging damage reduction, and promoting premium reduction for its residents.

In 2003, there were 41,160 flood insurance policies in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Those policies amounted to more than \$13 million dollars in premiums. Most importantly, a savings of more than \$1 million to residents was realized due to various ongoing initiatives implemented by the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The savings is directly due to the City's current Class 8 classification in the Community Rating System (CRS) implemented by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). With continued efforts by the City relative to the CRS, an additional 10 percent may be saved by the City and the citizens in the near future.

The CRS and The City

The Community Rating System program (CRS), in existence since 1990, was implemented to encourage community and state activities to exceed National Flood Insurance Program requirements. The program rewards communities that voluntarily take steps to reduce the risk of flooding or to increase the effectiveness of flood insurance protection that go beyond those actions required for participation in the NFIP.

The rating system classifies a community on a scale of 1- 10, with the Number 1 rating being the highest with a premium discount of 45 percent of the premium. The rating system is broken down into 18 creditable activities under four categories:

- * Public Information
- * Mapping and Regulations
- * Flood Preparedness
- * Flood Damage Reduction

The City of Fort Lauderdale has participated in the CRS for more than a decade and currently has earned enough CRS points to be awarded a class 8 rating. This class 8 means that the citizens of the City who have flood insurance are receiving a 10 percent savings on their premiums.

The City continuously implements new strategies that will ultimately result in future premium discounts for residents. Addressing topics such as how to obtain floodplain maps, how to obtain flood insurance, promoting flood hazard prevention and more are addressed in great detail in each issue of *Focus On Fort Lauderdale*. Information distributed to citizens in this form are key contributing factors credited with valuable points towards better ratings and additional future premium discounts.

In an ongoing effort to provide citizens with the best possible rates, the City of Fort Lauderdale conducts activities that exceed the requirements in each of the categories.



Where Are You On the Floodplain Map?

Flooding is a common natural disaster in our coastal community, and it is important for residents to obtain the maximum protection. Flood insurance can be purchased regardless of where you reside (in high, moderate or low risk areas) and there is no exclusion as to the type of ownership one represents (i.e. homeowner, renter or business owner). There are however, certain properties in certain areas that are required to be covered by flood insurance.

The City maintains a floodplain map identifying where every property lies in relation to the City's flood zone boundaries and flood elevation levels. Property owners can access the flood zone map in one of two ways:

- By visiting the Construction Services Bureau, located at 300 N.W. 1st Ave. The Bureau can be reached by calling (954) 828-5203 or (954) 828-3266.

- By logging on to www.fortlauderdale.gov/gis/ and following these steps:

- 1- select the **Create Maps and Queries** menu item located at the right of the page,
- 2 - select the **Property Information Reporter** hyperlink
- 3- Read the **Disclaimer** and select the **Start** button
- 4 - enter the property address in the form provided
- 6 - Select **Go**

Watch for more Flood Prevention Public Information as required by the CRS in the December 2004/January 2005 issue of *Focus On Fort Lauderdale*.

Location Information	
Parcel ID:	0210012070
Folio Number:	504210012070
Property Address:	100 N ANDREWS AVE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
First Owner:	CITY OF FT LAUDERDALE
Second Owner:	% CITY TREASURER
Owner Address:	100 N ANDREWS AVE, FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33302
City Commissioner:	Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson in district 4
Neighborhood Association:	Parcel not within an official neighborhood association.
City Police District:	District 2
Garbage Pickup Days:	Wednesday/Saturday
Yardwaste Pickup Day:	Wednesday
Recycling Pickup Day:	Wednesday
Bulk Trash Pickup:	Every 2nd Thursday of the month.
City Zoning Category:	RAC-CC
Hurricane Evacuation:	Location not within a designated hurricane evacuation area.
FEMA Flood Information	Zone AE , with a flood elevation of 7 in panel number 12011C0218 F

After selecting **GO** , GIS will generate a report containing various layers. The photo on the left is a sample of a report. In that report FEMA Flood Information should appear. If the FEMA Flood Information does not automatically appear in the report, follow these steps:

- 1- Click on the top Tab called **Layers** ;
- 2- Select **FEMA Panel** and **FEMA Zones** to activate the flood information.

A Master Plan For Parks Future

The City of Fort Lauderdale has more than 90 parks placed throughout the City serving hundreds of programs on miles of open recreational space.

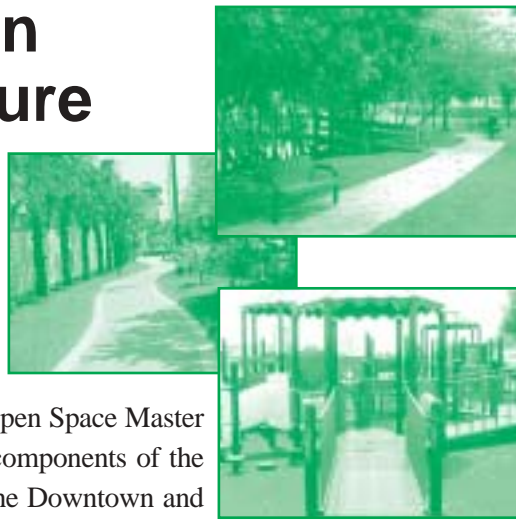
Residents have an opportunity to help decide the future of our City parks system through participation in the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. The Master Plan will address various components of the City. Currently, the focus is the Riverwalk, the Downtown and Northwest Regional Activity Centers (RAC) which are most impacted by current development. The purpose of the Master Plan is to reestablish a level of service, create a plan to correct existing deficiencies in service and implement changes to offset the impact of future development. This is the first in a three phase plan. Pending future funding, Phase II will focus on the Barrier Island, located east of the Intracoastal Waterway, and all of the remaining residential neighborhoods.

Residents are encouraged to complete an online survey that will assess the community's current parks, facilities and equipment needs. The survey is part of the first phase in the master plan process and can be accessed from the City's website (www.fortlauderdale.gov) by selecting the link under the *What's New* heading titled *Riverwalk and Downtown RAC Public Realm Plan and Urban Design Guidelines*, and then selecting the link *Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*.

Citizens will have an opportunity to choose from one of two meeting dates, October 27 and 28, to meet with City staff and consultants to review input already collected at previous meetings. The October 27 meeting will take place at the Mizell Center, 1409 N.W. 6th St. (Sistrunk Boulevard). The October 28 meeting will take place at the Holiday Park Social Center, located at 1150 G. Harold Martin Dr. Both meetings will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For updates, contact **Laura Marsh** at **954-828-5346** in the Parks and Recreation Department, or log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov.

Planning Responsibly For Community Needs

Parks play a pivotal role in shaping great cities. Urban parks have evolved from serving primarily in a recreational role, to acting as a catalyst for community development and enhancement. Parks are an essential component in transforming and enriching quality of life for a community. One of the City of Fort Lauderdale's greatest assets is its ability to provide recreation, natural beauty, and signature open spaces for its citizens through its parks and open spaces. A parks master plan is a key planning tool for budgeting within the department as well as responsibly plan for growth and community needs. A master plan also serves to access local, state and federal grant applications require documented public participation and a prioritization of needs. Through extensive community input, the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan will develop levels of service standards, identify constraints, opportunities and designs for parks and pedestrian connections among neighborhoods and parks, update urban design guidelines for the Riverwalk, create a park identification system, and develop a 20-year capital improvement schedule. A master plan serves a critical process in meeting the needs of a community for accountability and funding purposes. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Trust, and the Community Redevelopment Agency will work together to further develop the vision for parks and open space based on the work conducted for the Downtown Consolidated Master Plan. The results of the process will serve to guide the planning and development of a 20-year public realm plan that will map an interconnected system of parks, open spaces, and landscape elements within the Downtown and Northwest Regional Activity Centers, as well as the Riverwalk. In addition, urban design guidelines will be provided in the plan. For more information on the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov or call **954-828-5346**.



FPL Trim Trees To Keep Power On

In cooperation with Florida Power & Light (FPL), the City of Fort Lauderdale provides the following updates on FPL's routine tree maintenance work.

FPL trims trees to keep branches from interfering with electrical lines and equipment. When tree branches contact a power line, they can cause electric service interruptions and power outages. FPL's strategy to maintain power lines free of tree growth is based on a consistent, planned trimming cycle. These cycles can vary depending on tree species and growth rates. Typically, the main lines are addressed on an average of three years.

Currently, tree trimming is being conducted through November. Approximately two weeks before tree work begins in your neighborhood, a letter will be sent advising when crews will be working in a particular area. If trees or vegetation require trimming away from power lines on your property, a contractor representative will contact you or leave information on your door one to four days before work is scheduled to begin. FPL uses only utility-qualified, licensed, professional tree-trimming contractors, to manage the trees and plants. The contractors are leaders in the field of utility arboriculture and utilize proven industry-standard pruning techniques. FPL advises residents not to attempt trimming any vegetation growing near or on any overhead power lines. Only specially-trained line clearing professionals should work around power lines. For more information, log on to www.fpl.com.

As part of FPL's good pruning practices, final cuts are made at a spot to allow a tree to callus over the cut properly. In most cases, "directional pruning" is used to direct future growth away from the power lines.



Gear Up For Soccer Season At Holiday, Croissant Parks



Gear up for youth soccer with the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation at Croissant and Holiday Parks.

Registration is currently underway at Croissant Park for South West Modified Soccer. The program runs November 6 through February 5. The modified soccer format uses smaller fields and goals allowing each player to have more game involvement. Instruction will be provided in ball control, kicking, stopping the ball, throw in passing, goal tending, inside/outside foot passing, defensive maneuvers and basic game rules at two preseason academy sessions. This is a recreational league. No experience is necessary. The eight week season provides an optimal opportunity for the

whole family to come out and cheer for the teams. Participants are divided by age groups from ages 4 to 14. Cost of the program is \$75 for residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale, \$132 for non-residents, and \$29 for Youth Enrichment Scholarship recipients. The program fee includes the uniform. Games will take place on Saturdays beginning November 6. Croissant Park is located at 245 W. Park Dr. For more information on the soccer program at Croissant Park, please call **Tim McGovern** or **Archie Jones** at **954-468-1487**. A Spanish hotline is also available at **(954) 828-4573**.

At press time, plans were underway for a soccer program at Holiday Park. Soccer games are scheduled to begin on December 4. Holiday Park is located at 1300 E. Sunrise Blvd. Interested participants for the Holiday Park Soccer Program, may call **Gladys Penttila** at **954-828-5383**.

Volunteer and Make A Difference In A Child's Life

The Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide programs for children in our community that emphasis fun, safety, skill development and sportsmanship. Volunteer coaches are some of the City's most dedicated role models promoting successful programs. Each year hundreds of men and women donate their time and effort. The Recreation Division is pleased to present training for coaches enabling coaches to share their personal experiences. If you are interested in coaching, assisting coaching or providing support for youth athletic teams, please call **954-468-1487**.

Get Fit With Tai Chi, Pilates At Holiday Park

Two new offerings will challenge all levels of exercisers to get fit with Tai Chi and Pilates.

Relieve Stress With The Ancient Form of Tai Chi

Few low-velocity, low-impact exercise programs have the high appeal to all age groups as Tai Chi. This traditional Chinese conditioning exercise that can be conducted anywhere combines deep breathing, relaxation, and slow, gentle, structured movements. Among many of the benefits to Tai Chi, recent studies indicate the exercise serves as an immune booster. With flu and cold season in full swing, what better reason to keep yourself in motion.

Learn the relaxing and cleansing techniques that has been practiced by all ages in the Orient for thousands of years. Tai Chi instructor Judith Smallwood will lead this great low impact workout on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m at the Holiday Park Social Center located at 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive. Cost

per class is \$6 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. For additional information, call **(954) 828-5383**.

Get Fit Without the Bulk

If you've seen the infomercials for Pilates and are not sure if you have what it takes to take it on alone, then come to Holiday Park Gym at 1200 G. Harold Martin Dr. for ongoing classes. Matt Pilates is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Cost is \$9 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. For additional information call **(954) 828-5383**.

Pilates is a sequence of exercises that focus on lengthening and tightening the core muscles - that of the stomach, hips and back. Stabilization of the spine is emphasized while challenging the students with endurance, balance, coordination and mobility. Along with physical movements, students are taught to bring awareness to their body while directing their concentration on the target muscles.



*Don't miss the next
Wildlife Care
Center segment.*

Explore Nature In the City At Snyder Park

Hike, fish and learn about endangered animals at the Snyder Park Exploration Program.

Snyder Park is located in the heart of Fort Lauderdale at 3299 S.W. 4th Ave. This 93-acre park features ample picnic areas, recreational space and plenty of activities to explore this untouched natural setting.

Learn about wildlife as local experts teach you about bird watching, wildlife endangerment and native plant identification. This unique park focuses on the natural beauty and excitement that wildlife and nature have to offer in the middle of the City. It's fun and educational for all ages. The Exploration Program takes place on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 12, and \$2 per person for groups of four or more. Children under the age of 5 are free.

For additional information, please call **(954) 828-4585**. Upcoming topics are:

October 9 - Reptiles

November 13 - Stay Wild, presented by Wildlife Care Center

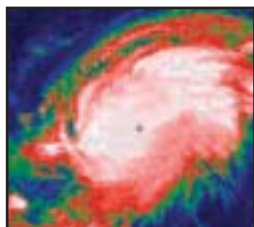
December 11 - Endangered Species, presented by Cargo for Conservation

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

In observance of Veteran's Day, City of Fort Lauderdale offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11. Offices will reopen on Friday, November 12. There will be no interruption of sanitation services including regularly scheduled garbage, bulk trash, recycling and yard waste collection services during the holiday. For further information, residents may call the City of Fort Lauderdale's 24-hour Customer Service Center at (954) 828-8000.



Promoting Safety During And After Storms



Many hurricanes hit our nation's coasts this year, leaving much destruction. With October and November historically reported as peak hurricane season for our area, the City of Fort Lauderdale reminds citizens of these planning basics and post-safety hurricane recommendations.

Before the Storm Basics

- ▶ When disaster strikes, the best protection is being prepared. Keep a two-week supply of the following items:
 - * Extra batteries for flashlights
 - * First aid kit and manual
 - * Non-electric can opener
 - * Cash
 - * A portable, battery-operated radio
 - * Emergency food and water
 - * Essential prescription medicines
 - * Sturdy shoes and clothes
- ▶ Make a list of the items that you need to clear from the exterior of your home to ensure that it does not become dangerous flying debris.
- ▶ Know what to do when a hurricane watch is issued such as securing your home with shutters; keeping your car's gas tank filled, securing important household and medical documents in a waterproof container, tuning to television and radio storm coverage.

During the Storm Suggestions

- ▶ Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and glass doors.
- ▶ Find the safest place in the house to ride out the storm. Generally some place in the interior of the house i.e., an interior closet.
- ▶ Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy. Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.
- ▶ If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power "surge" when electricity is restored.

Staying Safe After the Storm

- ▶ Take caution after the hurricane has passed. Many dangers may still exist.
- ▶ Be patient during re-entry. Access to affected areas will be controlled. Return home only after authorities advise that it is safe to do so. The City will conduct damage assessment operations to clear debris, take note of hazards and report downed power lines. Have a valid picture ID. Security operations will include check points. Valid identification with your current local address will be required.
- ▶ Drive only if absolutely necessary and avoid flooded roads.
- ▶ Avoid walking through flooded areas. Damaged power lines and contaminated water are serious safety hazards.

Hurricane Season Local Emergency Numbers

Broward County Emergency Management Div. (Non-Emergency) **954-831-3900**
Broward County Hurricane Hotline **954-831-4000**
Hearing Impaired Hurricane Hotline **954-765-4060**
Special Needs Registry **954-537-2888**
Hearing Impaired Special Needs Registry **954-537-2882**
Broward Chapter of the American Red Cross **954-763-9900**

Obtaining Clean Drinking Water In An Emergency



During an emergency situation such as a hurricane or a water main break, it is possible that your drinking water could become contaminated or the water system could lose pressure.

When this happens, public health officials will issue a Boil Water Order. This means that all water (excluding a pre-stored emergency supply of water or purchased bottle water) used for drinking, cooking or tooth brushing must be boiled, chlorinated or purified.

Boiling water is the safest purification method. To boil water follow these simple steps:

- * Bring water to a rolling boil and allow it to boil for at least three minutes.
- * After the water cools, pour it into a clean, sterilized, airtight container.
- * Pour the water back and forth between two containers to put oxygen back into it. This will improve its taste.
- * Boiling water does not remove chemical pollutants.

Note: Do not rely on home water treatment systems to purify your water. Emergency water sources may contain solid materials that can clog or overload the system's filter. Home water treatment systems are not designed to treat contaminated water and may not protect you against bacteria and viruses in the water. For more information, contact the City of Fort Lauderdale's Public Services Department 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 to receive a free copy of the Water Storage and Purification for Emergency Situations brochure. This informational brochure provides information on how to boil, chlorinate or purify water.

ANSWER THE CALL!

Invest in Your Fire-Rescue Stations



Saving lives and property requires vital fire-rescue equipment, vehicles, protective gear, and an adequate and efficient infrastructure to effectively support an evolving Fire-Rescue Department that serves a growing population.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department has been saving lives and protecting property since 1912. Today, the department consists of a diverse workforce of more than 400 sworn employees who work from 12 stations. The Fire-Rescue facilities are operating at a deficient level of capacity and do not meet standards required to house equipment and workforce efficiently and safely.

On November 2nd, Fort Lauderdale residents will have an opportunity to make a long-term investment in their Fire-Rescue services by approving a \$40 million Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum. The bond will enable the Department to replace nine deficient Fire-Rescue stations and add one new station to the southeast section of the City.

Challenges Facing The Stations

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department responds to all fire, medical and hazardous materials emergencies within the City. With new advances in fire prevention, life saving equipment, and building codes, the need for emergency medical services and personnel has

risen steadily since the department's inception. The City's firefighters serve more than 168,000 residents and a daytime population of more than 300,000 workers, commuters and visitors. Firefighters spend approximately one-third of their careers (120 days a year) living 24 hours in one of 12 stations. Today's fire-rescue services consist of more emergency vehicles that are larger in size, additional life-saving equipment and protective clothing and an expanded and diverse workforce. The original stations can no longer support the Fire-Rescue services of today because they have:

Inadequate Storage: All stations lack the adequate storage space to safely house medical supplies, protective clothing and life-saving equipment. The photo on the left demonstrates how two firefighters are unable to quickly retrieve their gear for a call.

Many Fire-Rescue vehicles barely fit in the station bays. Vehicle doors hit the walls causing damage to the vehicles and hindering access to them. This can impact safety and response time. The photo on the right shows how the stations do not house the newer equipment efficiently.

Insufficient Workforce Capacity: The stations are too small to accommodate the number of personnel needed to respond to the increased call volume. Today, the stations are housing nearly twice as many firefighters than they were originally built to accommodate. In addition, the stations do not support the diversity of the workforce, which now includes male and female fire-rescue personnel. Gender separation in sleeping and bathroom quarters is needed.

Outdated facilities: Today's stations are not equipped with the infrastructure to accommodate adequate work areas that require computers and other types of technology. This creates inefficient work areas and potential safety hazards a result of exposed wiring and electrical panels, as shown in the photo on the left.

The Bond At A Glance

With the passage of the Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum, the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department will be able to:

- ▶ Construct nine Fire-Rescue stations and add a new station to the southeast area of the City (south of the New River, east of Andrews Avenue and north of 17th Street).
- ▶ Relocate Station 29 and construct a new station on property already purchased on East Sunrise Boulevard.
- ▶ Combine Stations 53 and 88 and construct a new station that will also house the Emergency Operations Center, Special Operations and Training Bureau and the Hazardous Materials Unit.
- ▶ Construct new Stations 3, 13, 46, 47, 49 and 54 on present sites.
- ▶ Purchase property to relocate and rebuild Station 35 or rebuild a new station on current site.
- ▶ Construct new stations with hurricane resistant building materials.
- ▶ Enhance fire-rescue station domestic security with new security systems.
- ▶ Construct new stations indoor decontamination rooms to clean uniforms and protective clothing.
- ▶ Construct new stations with a designated bunker gear room that is secure.
- ▶ Construct new stations with separate bathroom and sleeping areas for male and female personnel.



**To schedule a presentation on the Bond Referendum, please call 954.828.4754.
For more information about the Bond Referendum visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/bond.**

How Will Citizens Benefit From The Bond?



examination and treatment room (pictured above) to treat walk-in patients who have minor emergencies or need blood pressure screenings.

A multi-purpose room (shown at right) will be available for community meetings and in-service fire training.

To Renovate Or Rebuild?

Expanding facilities will increase the Fire-Rescue system capacity. Renovating the current stations to accommodate the growing needs of the department is, in most cases, more costly than rebuilding the station. Because existing facilities have already been modified to their maximized capacities, further modifications would require costly and inefficient remodeling that would not effectively accommodate the current needs. In keeping with building codes, to plan efficiently, cost effectively and responsibly for current and future needs, rebuilding the already maximized stations is the most responsible approach.

What Is The Cost To Residents For the Fire-Rescue Bond?

The Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum is a General Obligation Bond that is regulated by the State of Florida. The cost of the Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum for Fort Lauderdale residents with an assessed property value of \$200,000 and a homestead exemption of \$25,000 would be \$30 per year, or eight cents per day, for 20 years. This figure is based on the average Fort Lauderdale property value. For more information about costs and taxes for specific properties, please call the City's Finance Department at **954-828-5615**.

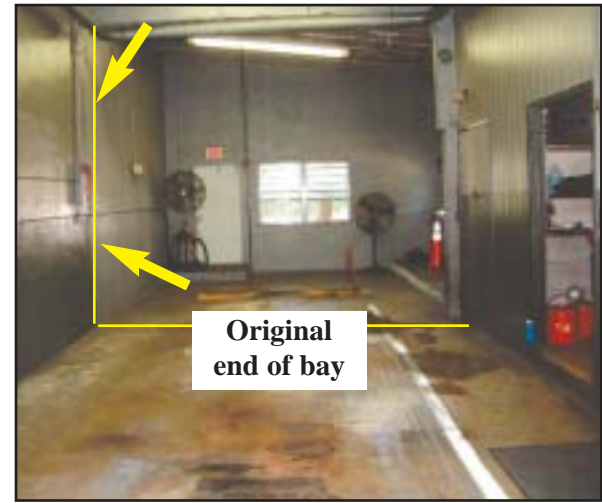
To Schedule A Presentation

Fire-Rescue personnel are currently conducting presentations about the Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum at various homeowner, civic and business associations. Individuals interested in scheduling a presentation for a group or organization, may call the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum Line at **(954) 828-4754**. Please provide us with your name and telephone number and a City staff member will promptly schedule a presentation at your convenience.

The needs of the City's communities and its citizens remain the first priority for the Fire-Rescue Department. In keeping with that philosophy, the department has designed its new stations to be more community friendly.

Each of the new stations will include two new rooms to help serve the community needs.

The new stations will include a medical



The station above has been modified to maximum capacity. Originally, the rear of the bay was a sleeping quarter for personnel. In order to accommodate a new, larger engine, the wall separating the sleeping quarter and bay area had to be removed. Sleeping quarters were forced to be relocated to another area of the station further reducing space. The additional rescue vehicles assigned to this station must be stored outside the station.



Current stations are too small to accommodate designated decontamination areas to wash down gear, equipment and personnel. Outdoor stations were constructed to meet federal safety guidelines, however they offer no privacy for the firefighters, are accessible to the public and are an eyesore in the neighborhoods.

Exercise Your Right To Vote On November 2nd

The Fire-Rescue bond will appear as the last question on the voting ballot. The text below shows exactly how the bond will be worded on your ballot.

FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUANCE

Shall the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$40,000,000, maturing within thirty (30) years, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum legal interest rate, payable from ad valorem taxes levied by the City, to pay for Fire-Rescue Facilities, as described in Resolution No. 04-124?

Yes for approval

No for rejection





Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue and Firefighters Sponsor Thanksgiving Food Drive

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department and the Fort Lauderdale Firefighters Benevolent Association will kick off the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on Friday, October 15, 2004.

Citizens who would like to help Fort Lauderdale families in need may donate non-perishable food items:

- To any Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue station from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. A list of the stations is provided on the left.
- Fort Lauderdale City Hall, 1st Floor, located at 100 N. Andrews Ave.; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and
- Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue Headquarters, located at 501 Seabreeze Blvd.; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Donations for the Food Drive will be accepted at all locations through Saturday, November 20th.

Here are examples of some of the non-perishable food items that the food drive pantry could use:

Canned items such as green beans, corn, peas, soups, tomato products, tuna, fruit, stews and more are great additions. Box dinners are always welcome, such as Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, Macaroni & Cheese, Lipton Rice, Lipton Noodles, soup starters, scalloped potatoes, mashed potatoes, and dressing/stuffing. Pastas such as spaghetti, elbow macaroni, lasagna noodles, egg noodles, dry beans, and rice are great contributions. If you overstocked your non-perishables for hurricane season, donating is an excellent way to give away your extras for a good cause.

This year, Fort Lauderdale firefighters are partnering with the Broward County School Board South Central Area Office Student Services Department. Social workers for the department, who work closely with children and families in the Broward County School system, will assist the firefighters by selecting families in need from Fort Lauderdale schools.

For additional information about donating food for the annual Holiday Food Drive, please call the City of Fort Lauderdale Public Information Line at **954-828-4755** or e-mail JohnHei@fortlauderdale.gov.

Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Station Locations

Station 2	528 N.W. 2nd Ave.
Station 3	2801 S.W. 4th Ave.
Station 13	2871 E. Sunrise Blvd.
Station 16	533 N.E. 22nd St., Wilton Manors
Station 29	2002 N.E. 16th St.
Station 35	1841 E. Commercial Blvd.
Station 46	1121 N.W. 9th Ave.
Station 47	1000 S.W. 27th Ave.
Station 49	1015 Seabreeze Blvd.
Station 53	5555 N.W. 23rd Ave.
Station 54	3200 N.E. 32nd St.
Station 88	6300 N.W. 21st Ave.

Fire-Rescue station locations may also be found on the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov.

Make A Fire-Safe Household With A Change of Batteries



How fire-safe is your household? Smoke alarms save lives, but not unless they have working batteries. The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department reminds its citizens not to fall back on changing smoke alarm batteries when changing clocks back one hour as we revert to standard time from daylight savings time on October 31st.

A working smoke alarm provides critical escape time in the event of a fire. This is especially important when sleeping because fire generates smoke and toxic gases that cause people to sleep even deeper. To ensure proper installation and use of smoke alarms the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department offers the following fire safety tips:

- If sleeping with doors closed, install smoke alarms in the bedrooms.
- Check the date on batteries to ensure they are fresh.
- Never remove or "borrow" a smoke alarm battery to use in something else.
- Install smoke alarms with louder tones or strobe lights for the hearing impaired.
- Vacuum or dust smoke alarms to keep them working properly. Never paint smoke alarms.
- Install new smoke alarms and batteries when you move into a new home.



Most smoke alarms provide a button to test the unit periodically to assure proper operation. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and be replaced every 10 years.

Batteries normally last up to one year, and usually the smoke detector provides an audible indication when the batteries become weak. Ideally, you should have at least one smoke detector on each level of your home.

CAP Promotes Progress, Facilitates Communication For Urban City Planning

The Community Area Planning (CAP) initiative continues to drive the future of our City through community input and proactive government response.

To date, more than 50 neighborhoods represented in the three out of five CAP areas are seeing continued progress on community driven goals originally adopted through a series of community meetings. CAP, a City-Commission-sponsored program under the direction of the Planning and Zoning Division, was originally designed as a new approach to urban planning. Additionally, it has evolved into an essential communication and accountability tool providing citizens with the opportunity to work with City staff on planning the needs of their community.

"The program is a positive reflection on our elected officials, City staff and community in that it promotes an ongoing dialogue for the mutual needs of the community and the City's infrastructure," said **Tony Longo**, Planner III and liaison for the CAP's South and Central areas. "CAP brings citizens in direct contact with City staff and their technical expertise forming an essential mechanism for assessing project feasibility."

To address the unique and increasingly diverse issues facing Fort Lauderdale, the City is divided into five individual community planning areas, focusing on one area per year. Since its inception, the East, Central and South areas have been addressed.

Central CAP Developments

The Central CAP reports approximately 2/3 of the goals are being addressed through various means such as master planning projects that are underway in items that are directly and indirectly related to the CAP.

- The Flagler Heights Precinct Plan, a component of the completed Downtown Master Plan, is underway. The Precinct Plan is designed to create a more detailed urban design and implementation strategy for the area including specific zoning and design guideline modifications. Once completed, the Precinct Plan will serve as a demonstration project and catalyst for implementation strategies outlined in the Consolidated Downtown Master Plan.

- The Sistrunk Boulevard/NW 6th Street Corridor is being addressed with an \$8 million project that has conducted the public review process with churches, community associations, homeowners groups and business entities. The intent of the project is to stop cut-through traffic on the main east/west corridor and return it to the community.

- The Public Realm Plan is in the process of collecting information from community members by way of surveys and community workshops. Signage developments are in the branding stage and will be reviewed later this month.

East CAP Progress

In August, members of the East CAP CLC met to move forward on a series of community driven goals and to form a CAP

Implementation Team (CAPIT). These members will now work directly with designated City staff, known as Interdepartmental Work Teams (IWT), to assist in achieving goals listed in the Commission-approved East CAP Implementation Report.

At this time, the following objectives identified in the report have already been addressed.

- Public notice signs have been changed from white to bright yellow for increased visibility. The purpose of the signage changes is to enhance the public's awareness of land use proposals that are to be heard at either City Commission, the Planning & Zoning Board, the Board of Adjustment, or the Historic Preservation Board.

- To curb solicitation on City streets and reduce the risk of traffic and pedestrian accidents at key intersections throughout the City, the Police Department designed an action plan that was approved by the City Commission and put into effect earlier this year.

- In an effort to preserve neighborhood character and enhance compatibility, developers of larger-scale projects have been requested to provide context plans as part of the review process. These plans are shown in scale and depict how the proposed project's mass and height will appear in relation to the existing area buildings

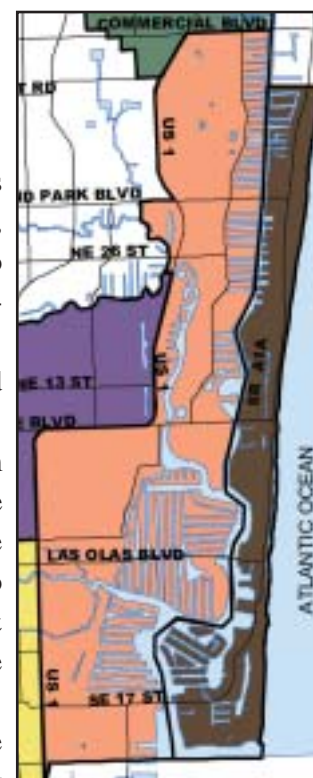
- East CAP Community Leadership Committee members who have volunteered for the goal pertaining to "Corridor Appearance" are monitoring the Florida Department of Transportation's proposal for adding turn lanes at the US 1/SE 17th Street intersection. Members are actively seeking such enhancements as landscaping, improved and more aesthetically appealing signage, and additional safety measures for pedestrians crossing this busy intersection.

South CAP at Implementation Stage

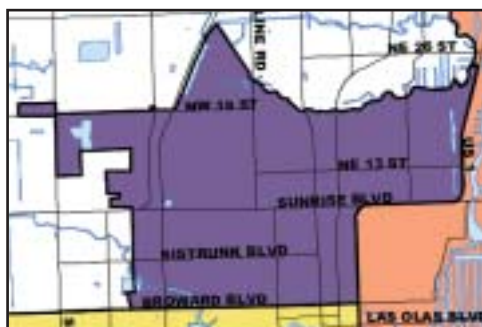
The South CAP area has begun the implementation stage. A strategy meeting has already taken place with four CLC members volunteering to monitor the goals of their Implementation Report. While some goals are in the project stages, other goals are being reviewed by City IWT staff for feasibility. Ongoing dialogue among City staff and community members is taking place. Projects in progress are:

- Progress is taking place with the Commission-approved South Andrews Avenue Masterplan.

- September kicked off the Davie Boulevard Corridor Master Plan. Community workshops are scheduled to take place in November and December. Plans are underway for convenient times and locations. Call the CAP office at **954-828-8980** or log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov, select the "CAP Initiative" link under the "Quick Links" heading for updates.



East CAP shown in orange.



Central CAP shown in purple.



South CAP shown in yellow.



Police Records Department Adjusts Hours Of Operations



The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department Records counter is located at 1300 W. Broward Blvd.

The hours of operation for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Records counter have changed. The new hours of operation are as follows

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday:	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday:	8 a.m. to noon

The Records Division handles approximately 200,000 reports a year. This number represents incidents that occur in the city limits of Fort Lauderdale only. The main responsibilities of the Division are to securely store, retrieve and distribute police reports to the public. Police reports consist of offense reports, supplement reports, vehicular and marine accidents, arrests, miscellaneous incident reports and tow slips. All reports are assigned a "case number" and are maintained numerically. The records personnel maintain a database of all reports as well as process citations for the Broward County Court system. Requests for

reports can be made in person or by mail. All requests received through the mail must be accompanied by \$2 and a self-addressed stamped enveloped. Any reports dated before 1996 are on microfilm and the cost is \$5 per report. The Police Department suggests that individuals seeking reports contact the Records Division at (954) 828-5465 before visiting the division to confirm that the Records Division is completed and filed. When requesting a copy of a police report, please provide as much information as possible including case number, or dates and names of parties involved.

Observe Crime Prevention In October

During October, City of Fort Lauderdale residents and property owners can become a partner against crime by supporting National Crime Prevention Month.

Crime Prevention Month recognizes businesses, organizations and citizens who are working together to create safer communities. The observance dates back to 1984, when the National Crime Prevention Council designated October as Crime Prevention Month. The month-long celebration also recognizes successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state, and national levels to generate interest and enthusiasm for enhancement of prevention strategies.

Crime prevention strategies are as diverse as the communities they serve. In some communities, police officers ride bicycles as part of community policing programs, while others use mentoring to help curb at-risk delinquent behavior. In

all cases, the success of a crime prevention strategy is dependent upon the cooperation between local law enforcement, citizens and city administrators. The City of Fort Lauderdale offers a variety of workshops and community meetings with law enforcement officials. Here are a few offerings to hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department to consider:



Free Workshops Scheduled ...

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department has scheduled two free informational workshops titled Landlord Tenant Training on October 20 and November 17. Both sessions will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department, 1300 W. Broward Blvd. Topics include keeping illegal

activity out of property; the Federal Fair Housing Act; Section 8 Housing; applicant screening; rental agreements, available city resources and more. For information, or to register, please call **Rosa Vazquez** at (954) 828-6428.

Join Citizens Crime Alert



Citizens Crime Alert, Inc. is a resource for citizens to gain information about public safety. The

group is made up of community residents who meet the first Monday of each month with a City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department official to discuss various crime prevention strategies. The meetings are held on the 8th floor of City Hall, located at 100 N. Andrews Ave. The next meeting will feature home securing on November 1. For information, contact Pat Mayers at (954) 763-7863.

Police Stress Community Awareness In Fight Against Terrorism

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is an active partner in Homeland Security and the war against terrorism.

Along with serving as a member of the State Domestic Terrorism Task Force, the agency also has detectives assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Miami Joint Terrorism Task Force and U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. The agency works with local, state and federal agencies to share and gather information on Homeland Security.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department is committed to disseminating terrorist fugitive information and related activity. In addition to investigative bulletins and homeowner association presentations, the City's web (www.fortlauderdale.gov/police) includes links to additional resources that citizens and visitors can tap into for such topics as how to report a suspicious package or incident, how to respond to various threats including a bomb threat, a radiological threat, a chemical and or a biological threat and more.

The Police Department recently distributed a national "Be On The Look Out " (BOLO) bulletin with photographs and names of terror suspects provided by the FBI. The BOLO is intended for public awareness. We ask that you remain vigilant and recognize the importance of your role in the nation's effort to defeat terrorism.

Please report any suspicious people or unusual behavior or activity to the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department non-emergency number **954-828-5700**.



The City of Fort Lauderdale Police web page features links to various resources including the FBI, where informational bulletins such as the BOLO. The most recent BOLO is shown on the right.



Annual Fundraiser Offers Big Laughs For Charity



Comedian Frank Santorelli

A little laughter goes a long way especially when it is for a good cause.

Three National Comedy Club headliners: Jim Lauletta, Tony V and Frank Santorelli will take the stage for a night of laughter and

fundraising at the 6th Annual Comedy Night for Charity on Saturday, October 23. Hosted by the Fort Lauderdale Police Officers Association (POA), this one-night show plays to a sold out crowd each year raising funds for various charities. This year's event will take place at the Fort Lauderdale Police Association Hall located at 4500 S.W. 13 St.

Frank Santorelli is best known for his role of "Georgie the bartender" on HBO's the "Sopranos" and was seen on

this season's "Last Comic Standing".

Tickets are \$25 dollars and proceeds will benefit the POA charities. Past charities have included Concerns of Police Survivors, the Bryant Peney Scholarship Fund and the Jimmy Gabriel College Scholarship fund.

Seating is limited to 300 so buy your tickets early. Tickets went on sale September 1st and can be purchased at the hall by calling Facility Manager Peter Burt at **(954) 587-7560**.

Around Town

Free Tree Giveaway Set

To replenish the tree canopy in our neighborhoods, the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with Broward League of Cities, will host a Replant Broward Tree Giveaway on Saturday October 23.

Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., residents can visit Mills Pond Park, located at 2201 N.W. 9th Ave. (Powerline Road), and receive a maximum of three free trees. Proof of Broward County residency must be presented in order to receive the free trees. Approximately 1,200 fruit, flowering and small shade trees will be available at no cost to property owners. Free literature on choosing and planting the right tree will be available.

The Replant Broward Tree Giveaway is funded by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to help in re-establishing the tree canopy throughout the state after the citrus canker eradication. For more information, contact Gene Dempsey, City of Fort Lauderdale Urban Forester, at (954) 828-5785 or by email at Gdempsey@fortlauderdale.gov.

Halloween Happenings

Dig out your best halloween costume and take the family to the Croissant Park Community Center Halloween Party on October 30 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. This free event, hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department is in partnership with the Croissant Park Civic Association and will feature a costume contest, a costume parade, face painting, arts and crafts and more. Croissant Park Community Center is located at 245 W. Park Dr. For more information, call 954-468-1487.

Mermaid Club For Kids Promotes Safety

Join the City of Fort Lauderdale on Sunday, October 17, for an interactive story and sing-a-long program geared for kids. The Mermaid Club For Kids promotes water and manatee safety with a one-hour, supervised session in the water and pool deck of the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex. Program start time is 1 p.m. at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, 501 Seabreeze Boulevard on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Ticket price is \$20 per child. A \$10 deposit is required during time of reservation, with balance due day of show. For more information, log on to www.themermaid.com or contact Susan Peterson at 954-522-6300. Parents must be present for duration of program. Price includes the use of costumes. A certified lifeguard will be present during program. Life jackets will be provided for non-swimmers and children under age seven.



Boat Show Brings Boatloads Of Vendors To Fort Lauderdale In October

Don't miss the 45th edition of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show taking place Thursday, October 28 through Monday, November 1. Featuring more than \$1.6 billion worth of boats, yachts, super yachts, electronics, engines and thousands of accessories from marine manufacturers and builders worldwide, the show encompasses more than three million square feet of space, both on land and in water, at six sites. All sites are accessible through the Show Transportation Network. Show sites include the Radisson Bahia Mar Yachting Center, Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, Marriott Portside Marina, Hyatt Pier 66 Hotel & Marina, Hall of Fame Marina and Las Olas Marina. Admission rates per person are:

\$30 for prime time preview on Thursday, October 28;

\$16 for general admission per day,

\$25 for a two-day pass;

\$60 for a five-day pass;

\$5 for children ages 6-12;

Free admission for children age 6 and under.

Show hours are: Prime Time Preview on Thursday, October 28 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, October 29 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday, October 30 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday, October 31 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Monday, November 1 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Log on to www.showmanagement.com for more information.

Promenade For The Museum of Art

The 45th Annual Promenade Fort Lauderdale, formerly known as Promenade in the Park, will be held November 12 through November 14 to benefit the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art. Beaux Arts, an all-woman, volunteer, fund-raising auxiliary of the Museum of Art, has relocated Promenade to an exciting new location at DDA Plaza - Huizenga Park and Riverwalk, located directly across from the Museum of Art. Promenade Fort Lauderdale is a free community event. People of all ages can come and enjoy continuous live entertainment, food, art, crafts, shopping at Marketplace and Mainstreet, civic exhibits and special events. In addition, there is a special Children's Area where children of all ages can participate in interactive games, activities, amusement rides and student art exhibits. Proceeds from activities and food benefit the Museum of Art. Promenade Fort Lauderdale will be open Friday, November 12 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, November 13 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, November 14 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, log on to www.PromenadeinthePark.com.

Teen Scuba & Aquatics Club To Meet

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department sponsors a dive and snorkeling club for teens. The club introduces participants to the ocean while providing alternative and innovative forms of recreation and social activities. The next session of the Teen Scuba & Aquatics Club will meet on the first Friday of each month beginning in October. Participants meet at 7 p.m. in the Mizell Cultural Center, located at 1409 N.W. 6th St (Sistrunk Boulevard), to discuss activities and future dive and snorkeling trips. Interested participants should contact **Jon Quinton**, at (954) 828-4538. The Teen Scuba & Aquatics Club recently completed a summer of diving excursions, certifying 10 new open water divers. Part of the open-water training took participants to the Florida Keys on the pristine reefs of Marathon.



Dogs Get Swim Space At Snyder Park On Weekend, Holidays

Snyder Park offers dog lovers and their four-legged friends swim time in the fresh water lake every Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

For \$1 each, dogs may swim leash-free from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proof of current vaccination must be presented prior to entering the park. Snyder Park is located at 3299 S.W. 4th Avenue. Entrance fees to the park are as follows:

Weekends: \$2 for adults; \$1.50 for children 6-12 years and seniors; free admission to children under age 5.

Weekdays: \$1.50 for adults; \$1 for children 6-12 years and seniors; Free for children under age 5.

For more information, please call (954) 828-DOGS (3647).

Get Fit With Fun At Mills Pond Park

It's a fitness explosion!

Fitness classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced are available at the Mills Pond Park Recreation Center, 2201 N.W. 9th Ave. (Powerline Road).

Classes take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at a cost of \$4 per class for City residents and \$6 per class for non-residents. Come and learn the basis for movement, body and muscle structures. Most importantly, learn how to make exercise a healthy, fun habit and learn the key to leading a healthy and fitness-filled life. Classes include Aerobic Kickboxing, Step Aerobics, Floor Aerobics, Fitness Boot Camp, resistance training, Pilates, abdominal training, Yoga and meditation. For additional information, call (954) 258-5470 and ask for Group Fitness Instructor & Personal Trainer **Diana McDowell**. All participants are asked to bring a towel and water in a closed/portable container to each class.

Note: While we make every effort to include timely information, circumstances occasionally force changes to events listed. Please call the numbers listed prior to attending. Additionally, current events may cause delays in mail delivery of this publication. Should you receive this publication after an event has occurred please accept our apologies.

Join In On The Veterans Day Celebration

The City of Fort Lauderdale in partnership with Broward County and Bank of America have presented our veteran community with an exciting opportunity - a Veterans Day Parade to be held on Veterans Day, November 11. Plans are currently underway for the patriotic parade through downtown Fort Lauderdale as a permanent tribute to military veterans throughout the county and a homecoming for South Florida troops who have recently returned from their tour of duty. The parade will assemble in front of War Memorial Auditorium at Holiday Park at 8:30 a.m., with a dedication ceremony at 9 a.m. for the newly-restored F86H Sabre Jet. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. from Holiday Park and proceed south along Northeast Third Avenue, west on Broward Boulevard to Brickell Avenue, where it will conclude at Las Olas Riverfront. Sponsors are needed to help in funding day activities and the parade. Groups or persons interested in sponsoring or participating in the celebration should contact **Connie C. Christensen**, Parade Chair, at 954-463-5057 or **Julius Delisio**, City of Fort Lauderdale Cemetery Liaison and Parade Treasurer, at 954-745-2141. All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.



SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch

The Downtown Riverwalk along the New River comes alive on the first Sunday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch. Enjoy plenty of jazz, food and activities for the entire family. This popular monthly event features several stages along the New River highlighting some of South Florida's most popular jazz musicians. Area businesses offer a variety of tasty treats for purchase. Take a peek at the Old Fort Lauderdale Village and Museum, or tour the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Blankets, chairs and dogs are welcome. For more information visit the City's website (www.fortlauderdale.gov/festivals) or call the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch hotline at (954) 828-5363. Upcoming acts include:

November 7

Esplanade Stage: *Johnny James a.k.a. Dr. J*

BCPA Courtyard: *Richard Brookens and Yellow Bell*

Connie Hoffman Gazebo: *Nancy Hartline*

Rotary Gazebo: *Joe Davidian*

Las Olas Riverfront: *Grupo Contreras Quartet*

December 5

Esplanade Stage: *George Tandy*

BCPA Courtyard: *jazzjones*

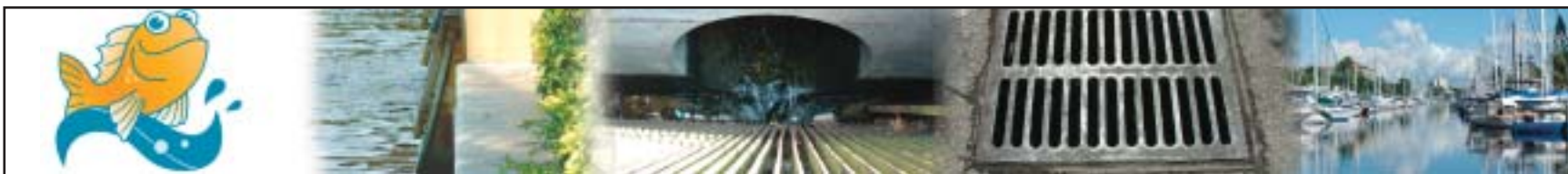
Connie Hoffman Gazebo: *Laura Sue & Orquestra Nightingale*

Rotary Gazebo: *Zeebee*

Las Olas Riverfront: *Debra Hampton Jazz Quintet*

Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov

Best Stormwater Practices Benefits All



Stormwater is rainfall and other sources of water that are generated by runoff from areas such as streets, parking lots and roof drains from houses and other buildings. Stormwater runoff has a direct impact on our waterways and environment. While it may seem clean, stormwater runoff can contain substances such as motor oil, gasoline, sediment, fertilizer and other contaminants picked up from roadways and roofs.

Why Manage Stormwater?

In some parts of the City of Fort Lauderdale, stormwater is carried over the surface and drains into catch basins and storm drains located throughout the City. From the catch basins, the water travels through pipes into four pump stations: two located on the New River which drain the downtown area and two smaller ones throughout the City. Before the water is discharged, it passes through a bar screen to filter out large debris. The water remains in a holding tank until it reaches a certain level. Then it is automatically discharged into the waterways through the gate valves.

Stormwater accumulated in the major part of the City, excluding downtown, goes directly into storm drains and into a water body nearby. For neighborhoods that do not have storm drainage, the stormwater naturally percolates into the ground through swales and lush grassy areas.

The City of Fort Lauderdale serves a critical role in protecting properties and aquatic resources from damages caused by increased stormwater runoff. By developing and implementing various stormwater management programs, monitoring the pollution of our City's waterways and increasing public awareness to generate proactive behaviors

that prevent stormwater pollution, the City is leading the effort to protect our environment and water quality.

Stormwater management includes drainage but also looks at the complex relationships between the environment, the pollutants that runoff can collect and urbanization. Stormwater impacts on the environment and their management are influenced by land-use decisions and community and environmental objectives.

Stormwater Practices and Citizens

Some of the City's efforts to improve stormwater practices and protect the environment include:

- implementing and enforcing environmental ordinances that promote safe practices in residential and commercial environments;
- stormwater quality and quantity monitoring;
- promoting educational programs and resources to property owners on a regular basis through various City communication tools including *Focus On Fort Lauderdale*; the City's public access station Channel 38; the City's website (www.fortlauderdale.gov); association mailings; informational brochures; Channel 38 and more.

Everyone can play a key role in preventing stormwater pollution by simply adopting best management practices in everyday tasks and chores including landscaping, cleaning and maintenance. For more information on the City of Fort Lauderdale's Stormwater Management Program, call the 24-hour Customer Service Center at **(954) 828-8000** or watch for continued coverage in future issues of this publication outlining tips you can use to do your part in making a difference.

If you would like this publication in an alternate format (large print, audio tape), contact Lourdes Rodriguez-Barrera at (954) 828-4744 or email lrodriguez@fortlauderdale.gov.

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